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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MALTA II

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1. MUGABE RETURNED TO MAPUTO LAST NIGHT, AFTER NKOMO HAD LEFT FOR LUSAKA.
 2. UK AMBASSADOR LEWEN SAW MUGABE NOON TODAY AND HAS REPORTED RESULTS THIS MEETING BY TELEGRAM, MAIN POINTS OF WHICH HE ASKED UK EMBASSY PRETORIA TO PASS TO GRAHAM AND LOW SALISBURY.
 3. REGARDING MALTA II, MUGABE SAID HE WOULD NOT AGREE
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TO ANY CHANGE FROM WHAT HE HAD AGREED TO IN LAGOS, I.E. THAT MEETING SHOULD BE IN TANZANIA ON APRIL 15 AND 16. HE SAID HE COULD NOT ATTEND PATRIOTIC FRONT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING BEFORE APRIL 13, WHICH NKOMO HAD PROPOSED BE MOVED UP TO APRIL 12. HE ALSO TOLD LEWEN THAT HE WOULD NOT STAY IN LUSAKA FOR THE MALTA II MEETING.

4. LEWEN TRIED PERSUADE MUGABE TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE BUT MUGABE WAS ADAMANT. LEWEN TOLD MUGABE THAT UK AND US WERE PREPARED TO MEET IN EITHER LUSAKA OR DAR (ARUSHA) ON EITHER 14/15 OR 15/16 IT WAS NOW UP TO PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS TO DECIDE WHICH OF THESE SITES AND DATES IT SHOULD BE.

5. REGARDING ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE, MUGABE SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE HE WAS READY TO COME TO AN ALL PARTIES MEETING SO LONG AS MEETING DOES NOT INCLUDE CHIRAU OR ZUPO. FACT THAT NKOMO AND MZANDA HAD AGREED TO CHIRAU'S ATTENDANCE (REFTEL A) DID NOT MATTER. LEWEN HAS IMPRESSION MUGABE MIGHT GIVE IN ON THIS ISSUE IF HE WERE PRESSED BY FRONT LINE AND IF CHIRAU WERE TO ATTEND AS A MEMBER OF SALISBURY GOVERNMENT, BUT LEWEN NOTES THIS ONLY HIS IMPRESSION.

6. REGARDING OBSERVERS, MUGABE SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO NIGERIA PARTICIPATING IN MALTA II, BUT HE WANTED IT UNDERSTOOD THAT WE WERE INVITING NIGERIA NOT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

7. ONE FINAL NOTE: MUGABE SAID IT WAS NOT HIS FAULT THAT HE HAD NOT RETURNED TO MAPUTO APRIL 6. HE BLAMED ALIT ALIA.
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